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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**PERSONNEL STAFFING FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY - ORANGE LINE**

This correspondence is in response to your May 31, 2005, request for information regarding the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) contract expansion. Specifically, the MTA has requested an expansion totaling approximately \$4.7 million, accounting for 44 new positions.

As members of the MTA Board of Directors, you are aware that the Orange Line is an integral component of safe and affordable rapid transit which will connect destinations within the San Fernando Valley.

As reported, a total of 44 Sheriff's personnel will be required to fill the contract expansion. Of these, 29 will be new deputy positions consisting of 26 generalists, 1 team leader, and 2 motor deputies. Command expansion, requisite supervisory and professional staff, and fare inspectors, who will be redeployed from within current MTA positions, will account for the remaining personnel.

The Orange Line expansion will be accomplished through a "phase-in" of personnel supplemented through overtime staffing to provide a safe 14-mile transit corridor. Initial personnel of approximately 10 deputy positions will be assigned during July 2005. Tentatively, complete staffing will be accomplished during December 2005, coinciding with academy class graduations. This gradual of personnel will ensure the safety of Orange Line passengers.

A Tradition of Service

During the budget hearing on May 31, 2005, I pledged to "not compromise the jail build-back." Despite critical staffing needs, I fully intend to honor that promise to the residents of Los Angeles County. By current estimates, we are on track to fulfill the jail expansion project.

Currently, this Department is delineating a long-term personnel strategy plan. This plan, which was requested by your Board on June 20, 2005, will provide a detailed "road map" to accomplish the Sheriff's Department's staffing needs through Fiscal Year 2006-07.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (323) 526-5000, or Assistant Sheriff Paul K. Tanaka at (323) 526-5065.

Sincerely,



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